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New Appointments

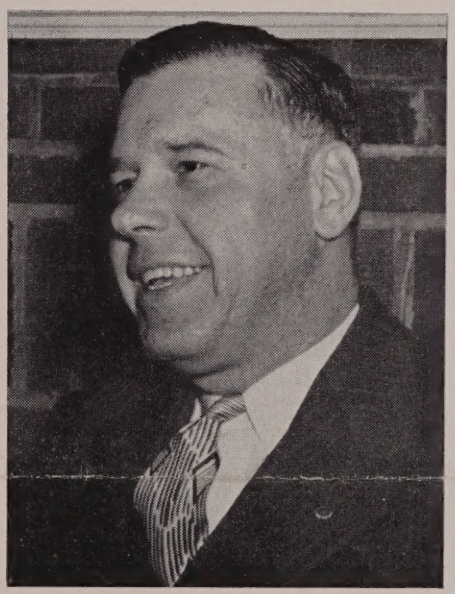
On December 16, 1950 Miss Ruth E. Pendleton was appointed Supervisor of the Department of Surgery. After graduation from the Waltham School of Nursing, Miss Pendleton remained at Waltham as Assistant Operating Supervisor and later as Operating Supervisor. She studied Operating Management and Teaching Techniques at the New York Hospital, Cornell University. Miss Pendleton joined the Deaconess staff in November of 1946 as Surgical Instructor.

On January 15, 1951 the Deaconess welcomed two new department heads. Mrs. Elizabeth S. Bradford became Public Relations Director and Mr. Milton B. Nelson was made Credit Manager.

Mrs. Bradford, a native of South Bend, Indiana, attended Bradford Academy, DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, and received her A.B. degree from the University of Michigan. Mrs. Bradford was associated with TIME, INC., publishers of TIME, LIFE, and FORTUNE for nine years in New York City.

Mr. Nelson came to Boston from Des Moines, Iowa, and has lived here most of his life. He was graduated from the Boston University School of Business Administration and has been in the credit field for many years. He served in the Army in the European Theatre and is active in Legion and town affairs in Westwood. Before accepting his new position here, he was with the Public Loan Company for 15 years.

Also on January 15 Miss Beatrice C. Spargo became Night Superintendent. She is a Deaconess nurse and has gained both her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Columbia University. Miss Spargo taught here as Nursing Arts Instructor after her graduation and then became



Director of several schools of nursing and nursing services — such as the George F. Geisinger Memorial Hospital, Danville, Pennsylvania; the Lynn Hospital; and the French Hospital, New York City.

Still another appointment on January 15 was that of Mrs. Jane H. Sillik, Therapeutic Dietitian from Tonawanda, New York.

Mrs. Sillik was graduated from the Maryland College for Women, Lutherville, Maryland, and had her dietetic internship at the University Hospital in Baltimore. She has also attended Columbia University. She has previously been employed by the Genesee Hospital and Rochester General Hospital in Rochester, New York, as Therapeutic and Teaching Dietitian. Mrs Sillik is in Central Service. — Marjorie M. LeBeau

99 Per Cent Perfect

The American Institute of Laundering at Joliet, Illinois, sends periodically to its member launderies — both commercial and hospital — test pieces of material to determine the quality of laundry service. There are three pieces in each lot which are numbered so that a check can be made as to where they were laundered. They are washed twenty times and returned to the Institute. These pieces of material then are "broken" by a pressure method (strained until they give way) and this process measures how much tensile strength has been taken out by laundering.

Another test used to evaluate the effectiveness of laundering is the Tintometer test for whiteness retention. This shows whether or not there has been balanced washing and rinsing. On the last test a 99 per cent rating was given to our Laundry — the best report we have had. The hospital is proud of this record — and congratulates Mr. Emery.

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New Office

As of January 22nd a new arrangement was made in Deaconess concerning the responsibilities of the floor supervisors. As of that date, Miss Pond and Miss Preston moved into a new office, Deaconess 219, adjacent to X-ray, to begin duties which aim to provide better nursing care to the patient through more adequate supervision and instruction. Although they will continue to function in charge of Deaconess II and IV units respectively, they also will take over the administrative responsibilities of Deaconess III. So please add a new number to your telephone directory — for either Miss Pond or Miss Preston, dial 395.

Blue Cross — Blue Shield

The next general re-opening date for Blue Cross and Blue Shield enrollment is April 20. Any employee wishing to join must fill out an application in the Personnel Office before March 15.

Department of the Month

The X-ray Department of the New England Deaconess Hospital is divided into two parts. One part has grown up in the Deaconess building, although it no longer occupies its original quarters in the basement. The other part is on the first floor of the Palmer Memorial Hospital and occupied this same space even before the Palmer Memorial Hospital became a part of the New England Deaconess Hospital. Both branches of the department have been expanded and remodeled somewhat during recent years, and the older machines have been replaced from time to time by more modern and more powerful equipment. One completely new machine was installed in the Deaconess Department during 1950 and one other machine in that department will be replaced within the next few weeks. When that replacement has been made there will be only one machine in the entire department which was in use prior to 1940.

A short visit to either of the Departments during almost any morning of the week will quickly show that the additions and replacements have not been quite adequate to keep pace with the constant'y increasing volume of work to be done. Every member of the department, therefore, looks forward with high hopes to the increased space, new machines, more toilets which will be ours in the new building.

The machines in the Deaconess Department are all designed for diagnostic work and the larger volume of examinations is, therefore, done in that department. Diagnostic work for the Palmer building is done in the Palmer but in that building we also have three machines which are used solely for x-ray treatment. Some of the dirt and the more than ordinary confusion which you may have noted in the Palmer department during the holiday season was due to the fact that repairs were being made on our 400,000 volt treatment machine. The x-ray tube for that machine is completely immersed in a 90 gallon tank of oil, so that any major repairs to the unit tend to be a bit messy. This is our oldest machine, and hardly modern, but has given excellent service over a period of about 15 years. Because of the high voltage at which it operates it is most suitable for the treatment of deeply situated tumors and benign conditions. The diagnostic machines operate in the range of 50,000 to 120,000 volts and employ x-ray tubes with very small focal spots so that a sharp and finely detailed image is produced on the film.

The total number of examinations for the entire department during 1950 was 18,993 as compared with 6,727 examinations during 1940. The total number of treatments given was 3,568 and is less than the 5,638 given in 1940. This decrease in number of treatments has been a gradual one over a period of several years and is believed due in part to changing trends in the treatment of certain types of cancer and in part to the fact that many of the smaller community hospitals have installed treatment machines in the department in the new building, so that a still wider range of voltages may be available for the varying types of tumors.

The very interesting machine in the Deaconess with which all members of the hospital personnel are familiar is the so-called photo-roentgen unit. This is the machine on which all survey examinations of the chest are made and the Deaconess Hospital is proud to have been one of the first hospitals in New England to have such a unit. The photo-roentgen examination of the chest is an extremely important part of the annual examination of all employees and during the past year has also been used as a routine survey of all patients being admitted to the hospital. Seven thousand four hundred and sixty-one such examinations were done during the past year and much valuable information thus obtained — at a cost of only one dollar to the patient, and at no cost to the employee — was of especial value because it was completely unsuspected. In two such cases, the newly admitted patient was found to have pneumonia and operations which had been planned for the following day were cancelled because of the known hazard of operating under such circumstances. Cases of both early and advanced tuberculosis have been found in patients and in employees; tumors of the lung, hernias of the stomach through the diaphragm, and abnormal hearts have also been found.

— Joseph H. Marks, M.D.

Have You Lost Anything?

During the year 1950 many articles were found and turned in to the Personnel Office. We have keys, glasses, gloves, hats, pens, jewelry, rosaries, umbrellas, purses, and many other items. If you believe that any of these things are yours, won't you please stop in at the office and claim ? At the end of the month anything that is still unclaimed will be turned over to the Thrift Shop or other disposition made.

Withholding Tax

Any employee over 65 years of age may claim 2 exemptions for Federal Withholding Tax purposes by filing a new W-4 Form in the Personnel Office. This also applies to anyone over 65 years of age who is claimed as an exemption. If you have any questions or have recently become 65 please inquire at the Personnel Office.

Progress Of The Cancer Research Institute

No definite date can yet be announced for the formal opening of the Cancer Research Institute. Construction of the building has progressed with remarkable speed except for a few unavoidable delays. The finishing of the interior of any building always seems a prolonged process after watching basic cement work and bricklaying. In the case of this building the finishing touches are being slowed by current shortages and priorities. For a while it looked as though construction would have to stop for an indefinite period since doors were not available. No sooner were doors obtained than it became necessary to struggle to get enough radiators for the entire building. Now, sinks are being allotted a few at a time.

Within a few weeks — possibly by the time you read this — some personnel will be moved into the building. The entire force will not be able to assemble for several weeks thereafter since the wait for allotment of material makes it impossible to finish the entire building at the same time. Exclusive of the State Tumor Diagnosis Service group and the Palmer Out-patient personnel, approximately thirty of our personnel are already at work in Palmer, Baker, Kent Street garage and Harvard Medical School; so, once in the building, work already begun should progress with little delay.

It will be very interesting to see reactions when the building is opened for everyone to see. Some will undoubtedly be disappointed or even sarcastic about the factory-type interior finish or about the small size of many of the rooms. Of course we all have seen enough of hospitals to realize that their interiors are seldom the ultra-artistic and glamorous ones depicted in the movies. In the case of the Cancer Research Institute there were two choices to be weighed against the money available for construction and the current high cost of materials and labor; first, a very small elaborate structure with space for but a few research workers; second, a larger structure to accommodate a maximum of workers in a minimum of space and in strictly utilitarian rooms.

Actually, the building as designed and executed reflects the sincerity and austerity of this entire research program. It is to be carried out not for the glory or the glamour, but with the purpose of a group of workers in close and earnest collaboration to contribute in any and every way possible toward the solving of the cancer problem. — Kathryn H. Haley

Blood Typing — Civil Defense

In connection with the State Civil Defense Program, all hospital personnel must have their blood typed. To date approximately 500 of these tests have been made, and we are hoping to have this program completed within the next month.

You will be informed of the result when temporary cards with your blood type are issued. These cards may be replaced later by metal disks. Since this is an added burden to members of the Blood Bank, your cooperation in keeping appointments will certainly be appreciated. — Irene M. Carr

Glad To See You

Administration — Elizabeth S. Bradford, Edward B. Gray, Jr., M.D., Milton R. Nelson, Martin F. Quinn, Beatrice C. Spargo.

Admitting — Mary A. Forde.

Blood Bank — Phyllis C. Colberg.

Chemistry — William J. Brown, Jr., Emily H. Nicholas, Clare Shruhan.

Dietary — Rita M. Brennan, Lorraine M. Fisher, Edward F. Hennessey, Frank Kinsman, Birdie Langdon, Alba G. Lovely, Michael J. Monahan, James C. Morgan, Richard E. Murray, Jean E. Nickerson, William F. Norton, Ann C. Reynolds, Mary A. Ryan, Jessie G. Schubert, Jane H. Sillik, Arthur J. Thompson, Frederick L. Washington.

Housekeeping — Mary W. Conlon, Paul Flatley, Grace L. Griffin, Alfred C. Hunt, Charles A. Modugno, Gerhardt Schenck.

Laundry — Glenna G. Duty.

Nursing — Elizabeth J. Boudreau, Cynthia P. Bradshaw, Marion Dawley, Irene B. Furbush, Ella M. Grace, Barbara A. Hunter, Doris E. Lane, Lillian G. Marshall, Claire Morris, Janet Murch, Isabelle M. Mullen, Dorothy N. Rose, Winifred Stuart, Nancy R. Taylor, Margaret K. Tower.

Pathology — Angelo L. Contieri, Herbert G. Peterson, Jr., M.D.

Pharmacy — Maria Amatucci, Colburn C. Demro, Virginia W. Stedman.

Purchasing — Thomas F. Wyllie.

Record Room — Ruth M. Vincent.

Research — Ray C. Barton, Dorothy R. Gilligan, Philip O. Montgomery, M.D.

Solution Room — Ruth M. Krauklis.

Surgery — Lawrence L. Kelley, Jaroslaw K. L. Rozankowsky.

X-Ray — Barbara H. Franks.

Important !

Now that dog tags are to be issued to all employees, it is particularly important that all changes in address, responsible relative or friend, and marital status be reported immediately to the Personnel Office. This is for your own protection, so please cooperate with us.

Income Tax Filed?

This is just a reminder that Mr. Thomas P. Hill of Webster McCann & Co. is here today (February 20) to assist you in filling out your tax forms. You will find him in Room 219, Deaconess.

DEPARTMENTAL NOTES

Engagements

Miss Mary Elaine Atkin, '50 Jr., to Mr. Frederick E. Lippmann of Manchester, Connecticut. Miss Atkin is now a staff duty nurse at the Monadnock Community Hospital, Peterborough, New Hampshire.

Miss E. Irene Anderson, '48 Jr., to Mr. Edwin W. Ozelius of Brockton. Mr. Ozelius is employed as Purchasing Agent by the Component Manufacturing Service, West Bridgewater.

Miss Marie Louise Bittner of the Cell Diagnosis Laboratory to Mr. John Sanborn Hayes of Haverhill.

Miss Marianne Farrall, '50 Jr., to Mr. Harry Langford Wood of Ayer. Miss Farrall is working at the Community Memorial Hospital in Ayer.

Miss Dorothy M. Faulkner, Solution Room Nurse, to Mr. Stanley R. Melin of Milford.

Miss Carol Ann Gustafson, '50 Jr., and general duty nurse to Mr. Benjamin H. Weddle of Lynn. Mr. Weddle, a Marine Corps Veteran, is a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Miss Dorothy Ina Hopkins, '46 Jr., now a Senior at Simmons College, to Mr. Wallace Bruce of Beverly. Mr. Bruce is a student at Northeastern University.

Miss Betty Mary Jones, '50 Jr., of Lynn to Mr. Robert W. Feero, also of Lynn and a student at the University of New Hampshire.

Miss Esther A. Orr, Food Supervisor, to Cpl. John L. Kuth of Holyoke. Cpl. Kuth is stationed at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Nancy Rae Taylor, '51 Sr., staff nurse on Deaconess II to Mr. Harold L. Shepard of Sturbridge. Mr. Shepard is Assistant Manager of the First National Stores, Sturbridge.

Miss Lorna Tilton, Pathology technician, to Mr. Richard D. Flanders of Chilmark and Hicksville, Long Island where he is now employed as an aeronautical engineer by the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation.

Births

A son, André Charles, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Santos of 45 Whiting Street, Boston. Mr. Santos is Storeroom Assistant for the Dietary Department.

A son, Scott Robert, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Studivan of 158 South Street, Waltham on November 21, 1950. Mrs. Studivan was formerly Bertha McLaughlin, a '49 Jr.

Weddings

Miss Barbara A. Brigham, Social Service Case Worker, to Mr. Leonidas Jones on September 9, 1950 at the Wesley Methodist Church, Worcester. Mr. Jones is studying for his doctor's degree in English Literature at the Harvard Graduate School.

Miss Eleanor M. Giorgio, formerly of the Admitting Office, to Mr. Marshall J. Mazzarella on January 28th at the Sacred Heart Church, Newton Center.

Miss Jean D. Johnson, '50 Sr., and a staff duty nurse to Pfc. Robert M. Thompson, USAF on December 9, 1950 at the First Methodist Church in Holyoke. Pfc. Thompson is stationed at the Lackland Air Force Base and their address is 107 Crofton Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Dolores Anne Kersey, Central Service, to Mr. Henry Smith on February 4th at St. Richard's Church, Roxbury.

Miss Ellen Rose Nickerson, '51 Sr., to Mr. Thomas W. Poole of the U. S. Navy. Mrs. Poole flew to San Diego on January 18th and will remain in California. Mr. Poole is the brother of Mrs. Clarice Poole Andrews, '45 Sr.

Miss Dorothy Grace Sayward, who withdrew as a '49 Jr. due to ill health, to Mr. Rudolph R. Bougie on January 20th at St. Ignatius Rectory in Alfred, Maine. They both are employed at the Goodall-Sanford, Inc. Laboratory and their address is Mousan Lane, Alfred.

Miss Jean Winifred Wildman, '50 Jr., to Mr. Joseph L. Putnam on December 16, 1950 at the First Baptist Church, Swansea. Mr. Putnam is a student at the University of Massachusetts.

Laundry

Mary Flaherty was welcomed back after a 5 months' leave of absence. Everyone is glad that she is able to work again.

Nursing

Thirty-two students entered the School of Nursing on January 19th. They are known as the '54 Seniors. They had their orientation classes at the hospital and then started their classes at Simmons College on February 5th.

Ten students of the '51 Senior Class completed their 3 year course of training on January 14th. Those who received their pins from Miss Olive Nelson were: Jeannine Boudreau, Cynthia Bradshaw, Doris Lane, Lillian Marshall, Claire Morris, Ellen Nickerson, Audrey Peddle, Winifred Stuart, Nancy Taylor, and Margaret Tower.

The following nurses were promoted on February 1st as follows:

Joan A. Berry	Assistant Instructor
Jean Carpenter	Assistant Head Nurse
Barbara A. Cullen	Assistant Head Nurse
Carol A. Gustafson	Assistant Head Nurse
Ruth A. Honnors	Acting Head Nurse
Catherine A. MacKinnon	Ass't. Head Nurse
Lorraine H. Moran	Ass't. Head Nurse
Kathryn L. Morris	Ass't. Head Nurse
Dorothy C. Wade	Ass't. Head Nurse

Pathology

Dr. William A. Meissner gave a series of lectures at the International Post-Graduate Medical Assembly of Southwest Texas meetings, which were held in San Antonio from January 23 through January 25.

Dr. Samuel P. Hicks gave a seminar at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee in January on the *Effects of Radiation on Embryos.*

Mr. Russell F. Cowing spoke recently at the St. Mary's Men's Club, Newton Lower Falls on *The atomic bomb — what it means to you and your family.*

Pharmacy

Virginia W. Stedman came back to the Office as Bookkeeping Clerk after an absence of about three years.

Purchasing

Our sympathy to Katherine T. O'Leary in the loss of her aunt, Mrs. Catherine Sullivan, on February 5th.

Michael J. Smith, Sr. has taken over the job of delivering the newspapers to the patients.

Record Room

Barbara J. Brock transferred from Bookkeeping Clerk in the Pharmacy Office to Clerk-Typist in the Record Room.

Social Service

Mrs. Gertrude S. Jameson returned recently from a week's cruise on the Queen of Bermuda. She visited Bermuda and Nassau and spent several days in New York.